

SOME SMILES

Frequent Anger. "Wasn't you angry with him when he kissed you?" "Oh, yes—every time."

Very Little. "Swear of anything this year?" "No. What is there?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Probably. "I see the Eskimos drink oil." "Do they get it up?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

No News to Mother. "Your daughter's little hands were never made to work." Her Mother—"So I discovered long ago."

Troubles of the Rich. Dives told his troubles. "Lazarus wants the crumbs and the neighbors want the cook," he complained.

Very Seldom. Elder McTavish—"Well, Donald, an' he's the world treating you?" Donald—"Verra seldom, Mr. McTavish."

A Secret. Harry—"What do you mean by saying I'm a fool?" Larry—"Well, I'm sorry—was it a secret?"

Yes, Why? "I shall tell mother you have kissed me!" "Why incite jealousy?"

Impossible. "Does your husband give you all the money you ask for?" "Oh, no, he's no, rich enough."

The Wrong Nut. "The whole thing lies in a nutshell." "Yes, but you've got hold of the wrong nutshell."—Cartoons Magazine.

Music Barred. "Have you arranged for music for the club dance?" "No, indeed. We've hired a jazz band."

The Variety. Knicker—"What is Smith's smile like?" Bocker—"It goes in one ear and out the other."

A Disadvantage. Jenkins—"I hate these revolving doors." Warren—"So do I. You can't man them when you're mad."

As a Thrifty Man Sees It. Johnny—"Cuba's an island, isn't it?" Tommy—"Pop says it's an oasis."—Boston Transcript.

Proved It. Myrtle—"Why do you think that he married for money?" Maud—"I have seen the bride."

Got a Scare. "What ails the profess?" "She went looking for the first robin of spring time and saw the first snake."

The Human Comptometer. Mrs. Knicker—"Do you count the spoons?" Mrs. Bocker—"No, it takes all my time to count the cooks."

Boosting Business. "Yes, my rich wife gives me \$5 whenever I give her a kiss." "Well, deliver a cargo and let's go to the races."

Saving Up. Friend—"Is your husband saving up for a rainy day?" Wife—"He's a perfect Noah! He's saving up for the flood."

Between Sisters. Mabel—"I've got to ask father for some money." Ethel—"So have I. I'll match you for first chance at him."—Life.

True Law. True law is right reason, is unison with nature, pervading all, never varying, eternal, which summons man to duty by its commands, deters him from fraudulent acts, which, moreover, neither commands nor forbids the good in vain, nor yet affects the bad by commanding or forbidding. It is not allowable to annul this law, nor is it lawful to take anything from it, nor to abrogate it altogether, nor are we able to be released from it. Whoever does not obey it will fly from himself, and despite the nature of man, and by that very circumstance will suffer the severest punishment.—M. Tullius Cicero.

The Vanishing Point. Mary Garden on her return from Monte Carlo said at a dinner in New York: "You will hardly believe it, but in France skirts are getting shorter. On the Promenade des Anglais in Nice and on the Casino terrace in Monte Carlo it almost seemed as if they shortened an inch or so every day."

What About It? It was Monday morning and the electric washer was going when the family sat down at the breakfast table. Father looked up, annoyed by the washer's steady click-clack. "Well, omit grace this morning," he said facetiously to mother. "There's no use saying it when that washer is going as no one can hear what is said."

Little Helen stared at him. "Why, father, I didn't think you were talking to us," she said. "That washer doesn't bother God, I'm sure."

AMERICAN FOREIGN MISSIONS

Rev. George F. Staub, formerly of Rochester, now with the American Foreign Missions (Maryknoll), Los Angeles, Cal., has issued the following:

Undoubtedly you have learned through The Field Afar that Maryknoll is now directing the work amongst the Japanese in Southern California. It has been my privilege to be the first one appointed for that mission, and under the guidance of Father Breton, the founder of this work, I am gradually becoming acquainted with the people, their customs and language.

I must admit that there is no more pleasing and consoling work than the spreading of our Faith amongst these pagan people. We have in Los Angeles a Japanese Orphanage where thirty children are being taken care of by the Japanese Sisters. We have besides a Catholic Japanese School under the direction of the Maryknoll Sisters, with an attendance of one hundred and twenty-five children. The present school building is an old structure, hardly fit for the work, and taxed to its capacity. We have to refuse new admissions almost daily.

It is well to note that every Japanese child comes to us as a pagan. It is given a Catholic education and in time the majority of them seek Baptism. To refuse, therefore, the acceptance of such a child into our school because of lack of space, is tantamount to refusing him the one chance that he has to be brought to the Fold of Christ and to save his soul.

Because of this condition we have started a drive in order to build a new school. The Japanese people have pledged \$10,000.00 towards this new building. It is well to note that the Japanese engaged in this drive are not Catholics but pagans. The reason for their hearty support is their appreciation of what the Japanese and Maryknoll Sisters are doing for their children.

Encouraged by such a self-sacrificing response, I feel that Maryknoll's friends will be pleased to hear of our new undertaking and likewise co-operate with us in raising the necessary amount to build the school, which will be \$30,000.00.

No matter how little your offering may be, do not overlook this opportunity to help towards the salvation of these souls, for whom also, Christ died. In return our Japanese children will remember you daily in their prayers.

Make checks payable to Rev. George F. Staub, 425 South Boyle Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

REALLY WELL-MATCHED PAIR

Kansas and Texas Had Had Some Remarkable Experiences, Each in His Native State.

The Kansas and the Texas were each other of the thoroughgoing nature of cyclones in their respective states.

Said the Kansas: "Well, sir, it was in 1906 and I was drilling for oil. Knew it was there, about two thousand feet down, but I had just got down a thousand and ran out of money. Figured I was busted. Along came a Kansas twister and didn't do a thing but suck the bottom out of that well and bring in a gusher. Hard to believe, but the well's there yet."

Said the Texas: "Sure, I believe it. That's nothing. During the drought of '37 my cattle in west Texas were dying fast. I set out to drill for water. Got down about a mile and still digging dust. Figured I'd better ride over to town and ask the schoolteacher how far I could go before I struck China. Well, sir, while I was gone a Texas cyclone came along, took rig, well and all. When I got back there was a lake a mile across and spreading fast, and the strange part was, that water was a regular Chinese yellow and just wiggling with cross-eyed tadpoles."—New Orleans Times-Picayune.

How It Worked Out. "I sent Josh to college," said Farmer Comtassel, "so that he'd have the advantage of a better education than I had."

"How did it work out?" "Josh overdoes his gratitude. He's all the time showin' off his intellectual superiority so as to make me feel that I got my money's worth."

Belgrade Shrine Ambition Of Jugo-Slav Catholics

New Church to Be Dedicated to Apostles of the Slavs

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.) Agram, Jugo-Slavia, Feb. 28.—Catholics of Jugo-Slavia are endeavoring to collect funds in their own war-ravaged country for the erection of a worthy Catholic temple in Belgrade, and in this undertaking they are receiving generous support from the clergy and laity of other countries in Europe and of the United States.

In accordance with the wishes of the Holy Father, who has blessed and promoted the endeavor, the new church is to be dedicated to the Apostles SS. Cyril and Methodius, by whom the Slav peoples were converted to Christianity in the ninth century. Following the example of His Holiness, several European prelates have sent contributions, while some of the most distinguished members of the American Episcopacy have likewise given their hearty approval and assistance to an essentially Catholic effort in behalf of a country for which the Protestant churches of America are doing a great deal.

Never has the Catholic Church had a fairer opportunity of spreading the light of her teaching among a people to whom she has been an unknown quantity as a spiritual force. To give her a fitting home for the Blessed Sacrament in a non-Catholic city is an enterprise which, it is felt, will appeal to all Catholics.

The Rev. Francis A. Breen, S. J., of America Press, 173 East Eighty-third street, New York, has consented to receive and acknowledge donations from Catholics of the United States intended for this new church.

Catholic Interest In Better Citizenship

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Washington, D. C., March 21.—Representatives of the National Catholic Welfare Council and delegates from seventy-nine other organizations met in Washington this week to consult on plans for coordinating their work for better citizenship. The outcome of the conference was a plan for the formation of the National American Council to be constituted of representatives of the various associations doing Americanization and citizenship work.

A constitution was tentatively adopted for the consideration of the constituent bodies. At the annual meeting next May, this constitution will be formally considered and officers will be elected. The National Catholic Welfare Council was represented in the conference by Dr. John A. Lapp, director of the Social Action Department; the Rev. R. A. McGowan, Assistant Director; and Dr. Anne Nicholson, of the National Council of Catholic Women.

Diplomatic. He was one of the few remaining odd-time darkies. He had finished the odd jobs for which he had been employed, and, but in hand, appeared at the back door.

"How much is it, Uncle?" he was asked. "Yo' say how much? Jest whatever yo' all say, missis." "Oh, but I'd rather you would say how much," the lady of the house replied. "Yas, ma'm! But, ma'm, Ah'd rather hab de seventy-five cents fo' all would gimme dan de fifty cents Ah'd charge yo' all."—From Life.

Persuasive. The head of a big Chicago business house was extolling the salesmanship of a certain man in his employ. "I gather from what you say," observed a friend, "that this man is indeed persuasive in his methods." "Persuasive!" repeated the head of the house. "Why, my friend, that chap could sell the Cuban government a snowplow!"

Weekly Calendar of Feast Days

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Sunday, March 27.—St. John of Egypt, who worked with his father as a carpenter until twenty-five and then withdrew to a desert where he served a holy solitary for sixteen years. He spent the remainder of his life in a cell, from which, twice a week, he conversed with those who sought him. He was remarkable for purity, prophecy and healing. He died in 394.

Monday, March 28.—St. Genetran, son of King Clotaire and grandson of Clovis I and St. Cloildis, who was crowned king of Orleans and Burgundy in 561. He modeled his reign on the maxims of the gospel, protected the oppressed and attended the sick. He built and endowed many monasteries and churches. He died in 593.

Tuesday, March 29.—Saints Jonas, Barachisius and other martyrs who were executed in the reign of King Sapor of Persia. Jonas was beaten with knotty clubs and set in a frozen pond. Barachisius, his brother had red-hot iron plates applied under his arms and melted lead dropped into his nostrils and eyes. They refused to renounce their faith and died praising God.

Wednesday, March 30.—St. John Climacus, who gave up a brilliant career and retired to Mount Sinai to live under the direction of a holy monk. He studied the lives and writings of the saints and was raised to an unusual height of contemplation. At the age of seventy-five he was made abbot of Mount Sinai. His book, "Climax, or the Ladder of Perfection," is renowned for its wisdom. He died in 605.

Thursday, March 31.—St. Benjamin, deacon and martyr, who suffered persecution under Varanes, son of King Isdegerdes of Persia. He was thrust into prison for a year. An ambassador secured his release by promising he would never speak on religion in the court but this Benjamin refused to do and he was cruelly tormented before being put to death in 424.

Friday, April 1.—St. Hugh, Bishop of Grenoble and the son of holy parents. He reformed vice and reformed many abuses. After an episcopacy of two years he resigned his bishopric and retired to an abbey until commanded to take up his duties again by Pope Gregory VII. He solicited Pope Innocent II to permit him to retire from active life but God was pleased to keep him at his post until his death in 1132. Miracles attest to his sanctity.

Saturday, April 2.—St. Francis of Paula, who left his home in Calabria to live as a hermit, founding the "Minims" who observed a perpetual Lent and never touched meat, fish, eggs or milk. He cured the sick, raised the dead, averted plagues, and brought sinners to repentance. When Ferdinand of Naples offered him money for his convent he bade him give it to his oppressed subjects and caused blood to flow from the coins. He died on Good Friday, 1507.

Notre Dame Plans to Raise \$750,000 Notre Dame, Ind., March 21.—Efforts to raise the \$750,000 for Notre Dame University that is required for acceptance of the \$250,000 donated by the general education board have been stimulated by an appeal issued by the Rev. Dr. James S. Burns, C. S. C., president of the university.

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French Catholics Ask Senate Vote On Embassy Bill

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Paris, March 7.—Three important demands are being made of the government and Parliament by French Catholics and these were recently expressed at the Diocesan Congress of Paris, which was held under the presidency of the Cardinal Archbishop and which brought together thousands of laymen.

The demands include the following: 1—An early vote by the Senate on the matter of renewal of relations with the Holy See, which has already been passed by the Chamber of Deputies.

2—A "proportional scholarship distribution," by which there will be a government subsidy given to private schools as well as official schools, based solely on the number of pupils of each school.

3—The establishment of a statute guaranteeing to the Church the possibility of reconstituting her material property. This law, it is declared, should be in harmony with the traditional organization of the Church and recognize the jurisdiction of the bishops over the associations charged with the administration of church property.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Copenhagen, Mar. 12.—The engagement of Princess Marguerite, the daughter of Prince Waldemar of Denmark, to Prince Rene of Bourbon has been announced. Both are Catholics.

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